(घ) बाल श्रम (प्रतिषेध एवं विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1986 का भाग-III जो बाल श्रम के नियोजित होने की स्थिति में उनकी कार्य दशाओं को विनियमित करने से संबंधित है, उन सभी क्षेत्रों में अधिसूचित किया जा चुका है, जिनमें बाल श्रम निषिद्ध नहीं है।

Implementation of National Policy on Child Labour

61. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no commendable step has been taken to implement the National Policy on Child Labour announced way back in 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken now for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Various steps under the action plan outlined in the National Policy on Child Labour are proposed to be continued and stepped up.

Non-utilisation of ILO Funds for elimination of child labour

62. SHRI B. A. PASWAN:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news report appearing in THE ECONOMIC TIMES dated 11th June, 1993, under the heading "funds plenty but no action to end child labour";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Central Government thereto;

(c) what are the reasons for non-utilisation of the funds provided by the International Labour Organisation for the purpose; and

(d) what are the details of such funds and what steps are being taken to utilise these funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There are certain factual errors in the report. The funds available under the International Programme for Elimination of Child Labour in India fod the year ending December, 1993 are US $ 2.25 million, of which more than 50 per cent are already committed for 39 different projects, under implementation in various parts of the country. The National Steering Committee is in position and is operative. The amount available is likely to be fully utilised within the time-frame of IPEC. Apart from the ten States with lesser incidence of child labour identified for its elimination in the first phase, programmes are also being taken up in other States. While it is not practicable to fix a time span for total elimination, rate of progress in this is expected to be geometrical rather than linear.

Various complaints received from overseas employees

63. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received from workers regarding cheating, substitution of contracts, non-payment and delayed payment of wages, premature termination of contract, unsatisfactory lining and working conditions, harassment, delayed payment of death and disability compensation etc. from their overseas employers during the year 1992 and 1993;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received from Saudi Arabia, UAE, Oman, Kuwait and Bahrain; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the years 1992 and 1993 (upto 30.6.93), 56 complaints from Saudi Arabia, 3 from U.A.E. and 2 from Kuwait were received. No complaint was received from Oman and Bahrain.

(c) The provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983 and the Rules framed thereunder are intended to safegaurd the interests of workers seeking employment abroad. As and when complaints are received against registered Recruiting Agents, these are enquired into with the help of police and the concerned Indian Missions abroad depending upon the nature of complaints. Offences under the Act have been made Cognizable and strict punishment of imprisonment and fine have been prescribed. Necessary action is also taken by the Indian Missions abroad for redressal of the grievances of the Indian workers.

Accordingly, appropriate action have been taken on the above complaints.

Opposition to new pension scheme

64. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a strong opposition from the employees against the 'New Pension-cum-Family Pension Scheme' announced by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have consulted different trade unions on the implementation of the new scheme;

(c) what are the suggestions of the employees on the new scheme; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government on the suggestions of the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir. Most of the trade unions have generally welcomed the proposal pension scheme. However, some individuals/trade unions have made certain critical observations on the proposed scheme.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The major suggestion relates to restoration of the Government's contribution, provision of D.A. etc. These points have been noted for consideration while finalising the proposed Pension Scheme.

Action plan for eradication of child labour

65. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is financial aid provided by ILO to eradicate child labour in the country;

(b) which States have large incidence of child labour and which of these States have been identified for removal of child labour in the first phase;

(c) what is the strategy or plan of action formulated by the Government to achieve the objective stating the anticipated period of its implementation; and

(d) if answer to (c) be in the negative what are the reasons for delay in the formulation of plan of action for eradication of child labour in the country padticularly when funds are available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) ILO has at present two programmes titled 'International Programme on elimination of Child Labour' (IPEC) and 'Child Labour Action & Support Programme' (CLASP) under